

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13-14, 18, 21 and 23-24 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-28 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

First Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 11-16, 18-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over Son et al. ("Automatic Generation of Simulation Models from Neutral Libraries: An Example", Proceedings of the 2000 Winter Simulation Conference", Volume 2, pages 1558-1567, Orlando, FL. December 2000) in view of Kosiba et al. (US Patent 7,103,562). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In the Examiners response to Arguments, the Examiner traversed the arguments because 'the claim language plainly recites "a server...to generate an output file...configured to be stored as a future model template in the database for at least one additional simulation and as input to the model application.' Applicants have amended Claim 1 to positively recite that "the server further stores the output data file as a future model template in the database, and wherein the server runs at least one additional simulation and with the future model template as input to the model application." (Emphasis added) Applicant respectfully submit that Son et al. in view of Kosiba et al. does not teach or suggest that "the server further stores the output data file as a future model template in the database, and wherein the server runs at least one additional simulation and with the future model template as input to the model application" as in Claim 1 as amended. Applicants have similarly amended Claims 11, 18 and 21. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-28 are non-obvious over Son et al in view of Kosiba.

Second Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 5, 7, 10, 17 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over Son et al in view of Kosiba et al as applied to Claims 1, 11 and 21 above, and further in view

of Fontana et al (US Patent 6, 167, 564). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 5, 7 and 10 depend from Claim 1 and are non-obvious over Son et al in view of Kosiba for at least the reasons advanced with reference to Claim 1. Claim 17 depends from Claim 11 and is non-obvious over Son et al in view of Kosiba for at least the reasons advanced with reference to Claim 1. Claim 27 depends from Claim 21 and is non-obvious over Son et al in view of Kosiba for at least the reasons advanced with reference to Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request a withdrawal of the rejection and an allowance of the claims.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

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